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HIGH COURT RULES

Tracy Panton's UDP is Bogus

As we go to press, the United Democratic Party is mired in its worst mess ever of chaos, confusion and foolishness, following a judgment made by High Court Justice Dr. Tawanda Hondora on May 6, 2025. Justice Hondora had been asked to rule on the validity of a convention held by Tracy Panton and supporters.

In that ruling on a matter which has been before the High Court for many months, Justice Hondora stated, *"I am of the view that the 20 October 2024 meeting was not a valid UDP National Convention and that the decisions and resolutions adopted at the said meeting were and are not binding on members of the UDP in their capacity as members of the UDP. The resolutions passed at the said meeting may or may not be binding of those who attended that meeting, but they are not binding on the members of the UDP in their capacity as such."*

Readers will recall that on October 20, 2024, Tracy Panton and her faction

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dubbed the Alliance for Democracy held what they dubbed a unity convention. At that event, Panton declared herself UDP leader and Shyne Barrow was removed as leader. Also at that event, Panton appointed a so-called UDP executive and moved ahead as leader. Justice Hondora dismissed that notion outright in his judgment, stating that *"the suggestion that any number of persons claiming to be members of a political party can…call a meeting outside of the agreed organs and processes and take decisions, including those recalling the leadership of that party…would have destabilising consequences not only for the political party but potentially for a government in power."*

Shyne Barrow, who resigned in April but resurrected himself in May, has resumed control of the UDP Secretariat and the title of Leader of the UDP, based on the judgment this week. He told media that it is a clear vindication of the position he has held throughout, that Panton et al had no standing and could not speak for the UDP. When asked about the fact that the people of Mesopotamia voted resoundingly against him on March 12th, and an unelected person cannot hold the position of leader, Barrow expressed that in a Convention which will be held in October, an amendment to the Constitution can fix that, and he remains leader until that Convention.

Barrow, who surprised the hosts of the Panton-biased Wave Radio show with an appearance on Thursday morning, stated during a testy exchange with host Alfonso Noble that he is suing Lee Mark Chang in the High Court on the basis of election fraud. That position is already being bolstered on social media by Barrow loyalists, who say that if Tracy Panton's convention was declared null and void, her faction had no authority to field a candidate under the UDP banner, and thus Lee Mark Chang's candidacy, and victory should be overturned and an immediate by-election held.

Meanwhile, on Thursday Tracy Panton, who remains without a title or position following the ruling of the High Court, called a press briefing in which she appeared ready to disregard the ruling by Justice Tawanda Hondora, stating in essence that the decision comes after the fact and the ship has already sailed.

The **Belize Times** notes that on the two occasions post-election where Panton has called press events, Cayo West Area Representative Miguel Guerra and Corozal North Area Representative Hugo Patt have been conspicuously absent. Both men have remained allies of Shyne Barrow and have distanced themselves from Panton at official functions.

Sources tell the **Belize Times** that both Lee Mark Chang and Godwin Haylock have been advised to seek legal advice in the event their standing as UDP representatives is challenged. Insiders close to Barrow, however, told us on condition of anonymity that Barrow's sights are set firmly on Chang, as he believes that in a by-election he could possibly regain control of Mesopotamia with Chang out of the running.

As we go to press, the inaugural sitting of this session of parliament is scheduled for Friday, and it is anybody's guess who will show up to represent the UDP as leader.

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Cabinet Brief

Belmopan. May 3, 2025
The Cabinet met on 29th April 2025.

- The Prime Minister informed Cabinet that he has recommended to Her Excellency, the Governor General, that the Inaugural Sitting of the 14th Session of the National Assembly will be held on Friday, 9th May 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in front of Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan.
- Cabinet was updated on the current arrival procedures in Belize's Nautical Tourism Sector, specifically for Commercial Recreational Vessels and Pleasure Yachts, and requested that the Minister of Tourism proceed with the process of drafting necessary legislative and policy reforms to address existing operational and fiscal barriers for the growth of the sector.
- Cabinet gave its approval for the Department of Transport to adjust the approved $30.00 flat rate axle fee for all cargo trucks to a flat rate of $10.00. This change was granted after the Minister with responsibility for Transport received concerns from stakeholders that the $30.00 flat rate structure would disproportionately impact the livelihoods of Belizean truckers.
- Having been apprised of the regional and national developments on the Professions Bill and the Single Registration Bill, Cabinet gave its approval for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade to launch the Single Registration regime for professionals who are ready and directed the relevant departments and agencies to work with the Directory of Foreign Trade on this matter. Further consultations will be carried out with those associations that are not yet ready to ensure that all their concerns and questions are addressed.
- Cabinet approved amendments to Customs and Excise Duties Act Chapter 48 of the Substantive Laws of Belize to implement scheduled reduction of duties in accordance with the Government's requirements under the Belize Taiwan Economic Cooperation Agreement and the CARIFORUM-European Union and CARIFORUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreements.
- In commemoration of Labour Day, Cabinet extends its appreciation to our Belizean workers.
- Finally, Cabinet reminds all Belizeans to drive carefully and buckle up for safety.

Ends

HABEMUS PAPAM - "WE HAVE A NEW POPE"

Early Thursday morning the world including Belize was captivated along with a throng of people that filled St Peter's Square in front of St Peter's Basilica within the Vatican City in anticipation to hearing the faithful pronouncement Habemus Papam, We Have a New Pope. Earlier in the morning there was a billowing of black smoke meaning that a new Pope was not elected. However, later on, there was comfort for the eager audience as a plume of white smoke blew from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. There were 7 rounds of voting within the two days of the Conclave and around 6 pm Rome time there was a clear indication that a new leader of the Catholic Church had been elected. The Conclave stretches back more than 7 centuries of tradition and is shrouded in secrecy with the electors locked from the outside world. Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mambert made the announcement in Latin: "Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam" which translates to "I announce to you a great joy: We have a new Pope."

The Conclave which was scheduled for May 7th following the death of Pope Francis had the participation of 133 electors (voting Cardinals) gathering in the Sistine Chapel to choose the successor of Pope Francis.

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EDITORIAL

HOT AIR & CIRCUS CLOWNS

By now, Belizeans are mostly aware that the new Leader of the Opposition, Tracy Panton, is not the most spritely, mobile or energetic of politicians, and most of her 'work,' if it can be called that, is from the comfort of her armchair at home where she can launch spirited attacks via Facebook without exerting herself overmuch. In the runup to elections, Panton's display of leadership, as it were, was dismissed as uninspiring and lethargic by media and political pundits, and nothing she has done since that time has changed that trend of thought.

Panton and her UDP have launched a somewhat feeble attack on the government of the day, led by the most successful and popular politician in the nation's history, John Briceño. That attack, bizarrely, stems from the assertion that this administration is inordinately late in convening a parliamentary session and late in reading the Budget. Of course, that is absolute rubbish on steroids, because the country went through a general election on March 12th, two weeks before the end of the financial year. It would have been ridiculous and presumptuous for the Briceño administration to prepare a Budget and then go straight into an election.

Still, Panton argues energetically (on Facebook), the Government should have called a sitting of the House before now, because the Opposition is all-ready and set to charge into the political fray and 'rescue the country', so to speak. There is this impression given of an Opposition that is beyond anxious to get in and get to work, an Opposition that is qualified, ready and able to hit the ground running and get things done.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Opposition, under Shyne Barrow, was a joke, and the Opposition, under Tracy Panton, is just another version of that same, stale joke. Currently, for example, there are still two leaders of the one United Democratic Party. And the only hard work the United Democratic Party has put in so far, since March 12th, is changing the locks at the UDP Secretariat. This is a typical UDP week in service of the people. On Monday, Shyne breaks the locks and takes control of the Secretariat. On Tuesday, Tracy breaks the locks and takes control of the Secretariat. On Wednesday, Shyne breaks the locks and takes control of the Secretariat…and they do this in turns until the weekend, when they both rest. That's it.

How on God's green earth could this Opposition, this United Democratic Party, ever hope to convince the Belizean people that they are ready to work and ready to serve. As this is being written, Tracy Panton is begging Alberto August, vice-Chairman under Shyne Barrow, to allow the UDP to call a National Party Council meeting, and August has refused. So the UDP currently has no Chairman, and no real executive. Shyne Barrow is still, for all intents and purposes, the leader of the UDP, and he has said clearly that he is going nowhere. So for all her bluster, Panton is also caught up in that nowhere with Barrow, along with an entire assortment of questionable characters who make up one or the other of the UDPs currently existing in this one multiverse.

While the Opposition, such as it is, fumbles and bumbles and blusters and spins in an endless loop of worthlessness and uselessness, this administration of the People's United Party has without pause continued the work of governing the country and people. Our economy continues to outpace the rest of the region in growth. Belizeans continue to receive access to land and housing. Tourism continues to grow and many minor and major infrastructure projects are nearing completion.

The truth is that neither the government nor the nation has time for the histrionics of the Opposition. After years of constant bickering and infighting, the UDP remains mired in its own tragic soap opera. And if the UDP cannot get its own house in order, then it is of no use to the people of Belize.

EDITORIAL

en Español

AIRE CALIENTE Y PAYASOS DE CIRCO

A estas alturas, la mayoría de los beliceños saben que la nueva líder de la oposición, Tracy Panton, no es la política más ágil, móvil ni enérgica, y que la mayor parte de su «trabajo», si puede llamarse así, lo hace desde la comodidad del sillón de su casa, desde donde puede lanzar enérgicos ataques a través de Facebook sin esforzarse demasiado. En el período previo a las elecciones, los medios de comunicación y los expertos políticos tacharon el liderazgo de Panton de poco estimulante y letárgico, y nada de lo que ha hecho desde entonces ha cambiado esa tendencia.

Panton y su UDP han lanzado un ataque algo débil contra el gobierno de turno, dirigido por el político más exitoso y popular de la historia de la nación, John Briceño. Ese ataque, curiosamente, parte de la afirmación del que esta administración se retrasa desmesuradamente en convocar una sesión parlamentaria y en leer el Presupuesto. Por supuesto, son puros disparates de esteroides, porque el país pasó por unas elecciones generales el 12 de marzo, dos semanas antes del final del año financiero. Habría sido ridículo y presuntuoso para el gobierno de Briceño preparar un Presupuesto y luego ir directamente a unas elecciones.

Sin embargo, Panton argumenta enérgicamente (en Facebook) que el Gobierno debería haber convocado una sesión de la Cámara antes de ahora, porque la oposición está lista y preparada para entrar en la contienda política y «rescatar al país, por así decirlo». Se tiene la impresión del que la oposición está ansiosa por entrar y ponerse a trabajar, una oposición cualificada, preparada y capaz de ponerse manos a la obra.

Nada podría estar más lejos de la realidad. La oposición de Shyne Barrow era un chiste y la oposición de Tracy Panton no es más que otra versión de ese mismo chiste rancio. Actualmente, por ejemplo, sigue habiendo dos líderes del único Partido Unido Democrático. Y el único trabajo duro que el Partido Unido Democrático ha realizado hasta ahora, desde el 12 de marzo, es cambiar las cerraduras de la Secretaría del UDP. Esta es una semana típica del UDP al servicio del pueblo. El lunes, Shyne rompe las cerraduras y toma el control de la Secretaría. El martes, Tracy rompe las cerraduras y toma el control de la Secretaría. El miércoles, Shyne rompe las cerraduras y toma el control de la Secretaría... y lo hacen por turnos hasta el fin de semana, cuando ambos descansan. Eso es todo.

¿Cómo puede esta oposición, este Partido Unido Democrático, esperar convencer al pueblo de Belice de que están dispuestos a trabajar y a servir? Mientras esto se escribe, Tracy Panton está suplicando a Alberto August, vicepresidente de Shyne Barrow, que permita al UDP convocar una reunión del Consejo Nacional del Partido, y August se ha negado. Así pues, el UDP carece actualmente de presidente y de una verdadera ejecutiva. Shyne Barrow sigue siendo, a todos los efectos, el líder del UDP, y ha dicho claramente que no va a ninguna parte. Así que, a pesar de todas sus bravatas, Panton también está atrapada en esa nada con Barrow, junto con todo un surtido de personajes cuestionables que conforman uno u otro de los UDP que existen actualmente en este multiverso.

Mientras la Oposición, tal cómo es, tantea y vacila y fanfarronea y gira en un bucle interminable de inutilidad e inutilidad, esta administración del Partido Unido del Pueblo ha continuado, sin pausa, la labor de gobernar el país y el pueblo. Nuestra economía sigue superando en crecimiento al resto de la región. Los beliceños siguen teniendo acceso a la tierra y a la vivienda. El turismo sigue creciendo, y muchos proyectos de infraestructuras menores y mayores están a punto de concluirse.

La verdad es que ni el gobierno ni la nación tienen tiempo para el histrionismo de la Oposición. Tras años de constantes disputas y luchas internas, el UDP sigue sumido en su propia telenovela trágica. Y si el UDP no puede poner orden en su propia casa, entonces no sirve de nada al pueblo de Belice.

RIVA BATTAM

Checkmate!

UDP leader (in her own mind) Tracy Panton is gasping for air right now after the Court dealt her a solid blow. In one short judgment, everything Tracy has done and said post October 20th was rendered NULL AND VOID, worth about as much as the UDP and the Alliance for Democracy added together – NOTHING. Of course, Shyne is in his glory, because no less than the Court has affirmed that he is king of the kingdom. He couldn't care less that it is a kingdom built of the same thing that comes out the bottoms of bulls. For him, all that matters is that he is King.

Pull the Plug!

Way from the canefields of el norte, Hugo Patt had to pull the plug on Wave Radio on Thursday. If he didn't do that, for sure viewers would have been treated to the sight of Joe, Fonso and Shyne in an inglorious and violent menage a trois. And trust me nobody wants to see that. Imagine Shyne and Fonso, two big grown ass men with kids, shouting at each other on live national television. You're the criminal. No, you're the criminal. You were locked up in jail. Well, you should have been locked up in jail for knocking down that man. And this went on and on for almost 20 minutes before Hugo Patt shut it down. We've been following this UDP debacle for a while now and there have been a lot of incredibly shameful moments. But this one took the cake. I'm pretty sure that the few UDP voters who remained throughout it all are now deciding to call it a day. There's no comeback in this UDP crew. None at all.

There's Always Chicken!

Word coming out of the greasy kitchens of Chon Saan late this week after Justice Hondora's ruling is that Lee Mark has secluded himself in his mansion by the sea, far from the stress of what may be his very short-lived win in Mesopotamia. After spending millions of his own money in Mesop, and after all the big talks and orgasmic euphoria of victory, the fried chicken king is now being told that he cannot be the UDP representative in Mesop because he was not endorsed as a candidate by the real UDP leader and real UDP executive, based on the Court's decision. Sources tell us that Lee Mark had a closed-door meeting with bogus UDP leader (according to the ruling) Tracy Panton, and stormed out after an hour, with Tracy huffing and puffing behind. Poor guy. It's not really his fault. The universe is just set up a certain way. Some people are winners, and some are losers, and where Lee Mark and politics is concerned, his record speaks for itself.

A Boy Named Sue

You all know our cousin Jules, the man who hates the PUP because of a certain scandal with panties and misappropriation and contracts to Channel 7 from BTL and, well, that's another story for another time. Anyway, cousin Jules always calls Shyne a boy named Sue, because my lerd, Shyne will sue anybody for anything. Well Sue, aka Shyne, is now suing Lee Mark because he says Lee Mark running in Mesopotamia was election fraud. You see, the Court says Tracy's UDP was bogus, so that means that Tracy's so-called executive was bogus, and that means that they had no authority to field a 'UDP' candidate. All the legal mumbo-jumbo aside, this makes perfect sense. The Judge's ruling is clear. Tracy's so-called unity convention was bogus, null and void. So therefore anything coming out of that Convention was null and void, including Tracy appointing herself leader and expelling Shyne, including her appointment of her own executive, and, including, her throwing Lee Mark in the ring in Mesop. Well played, brother Sue, well played.

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History was made as it is the first time in the history of the Roman Catholic Church that has there been an American Pope. Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, age 69, is the 267th Pope and is originally from Chicago and has taken on the name Leo XIV. Pope Leo XIV made his first public remarks as pontiff beginning with "Peace be with you" to the gathering masses in the Square in Latin. The Pope continued "This is the face of Christ risen, a disarming and humble face. A God that loves us all unconditionally. We confirm with our ears the weak, but always courageous voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome. The pope who blessed Rome gave his blessing to the entire world that Easter morning. Allow me to follow that blessing. God loves us, God loves us all. Evil will not prevail, we are in the hands of God. Let us go forward without fear, hand in hand, as disciples of Christ. The world needs his light. Humanity needs his light."

The remarks conform with the expectations and the hope of many that he will build on Pope Francis's reforms. Additionally, it was the profound words "Together we must try to find out how to be a church that builds bridges, establishes dialogue, and is open to receive everybody "that signalled the direction of the papacy. Pervost missionary decade-long duties in Peru focused on social justice and caring for impoverished communities. Pope Leo's years of dedication to the Church and international experience will set the stage for a new beginning for the papacy and the hope of peace in a world inflicted by division, war and conflicts. A papacy beginning with the remark "Peace be with you all."

In a Belize Foreign Ministry statement, it reads: On behalf of the Government and people of Belize, we extend warm congratulations to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on his election as Supreme Pontiff. Belize joins the Catholic community and the world in prayer for peace, unity and hope under his pastoral guidance.

We look forward to deepening our partnership with the Holy See in education and social development.

This was embodied in Pope Leo XIV's first remarks to the world.

Belize Wins Global Award for Financial Innovation

BOOSTS CREDIT ACCESS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

"a lifeline for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across Belize"

In a significant stride toward financial modernization and economic inclusion, Belize has earned the 2025 Innovation (Commendation) Award from the Corporate Registers Forum (CRF) for its successful implementation of the Secured Transactions and Collateral Registry (STCR). This milestone, shared by only a few countries including Singapore and the Philippines, underscores Belize's growing global reputation for regulatory innovation and commitment to small business development.

The STCR, launched on November 25, 2024, and managed by the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry (BCCAR) under the Financial Services Commission (FSC), provides a centralized, transparent platform for registering security interests in movable property. Since its inception, over 500 security interests have been registered, enabling financial institutions to more confidently and efficiently process loans secured by assets such as vehicles, machinery, and equipment.

"The STCR is not just a technical advancement—it is a lifeline for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across Belize," the BCCAR Representative said. "It streamlines loan approvals and enhances trust between lenders and borrowers, making it easier for entrepreneurs to access the capital they need to grow."

This recognition aligns with the Government of Belize's broader agenda to improve financing opportunities for MSMEs. By modernizing credit access through digital workflows, legal reforms, and improved risk assessment mechanisms, the STCR is a cornerstone in the country's strategy to boost entrepreneurship and resilience in the business sector. The system is legally backed by the Moveable Property Security Rights Act No. 21 of 2024, ensuring enforceability and confidence for all stakeholders.

"Using the STCR has significantly made the way we do business more efficient," stated one financial institution. "Approval times are much shorter, and loan processing is faster overall."

These efforts are part of a larger national push by the Government of Belize to support small businesses through policy reform, capacity-building initiatives, and now, innovative tools like the STCR. The Ministry of Investment and the Ministry of Economic Development continue to roll out complementary programs designed to help entrepreneurs formalize, access financing, and scale their operations.

As Belize celebrates this international recognition, it also doubles down on its commitment to creating a more inclusive, transparent, and dynamic financial ecosystem—one that empowers its citizens, especially small business owners, to thrive in a modern economy.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LABORATORY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 2025-2027

The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for ***Supply and Delivery of Laboratory Supplies & Equipment*** for the period **June 2025 to March 2027**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below for the ***complete set of bidding documents***. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the ***Instruction to Bidders***. A **fee of $200.00** made payable to the ***Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24*** is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Secretary at the address provided below during normal working hours ***commencing on Monday, May 5, 2025 and concluding on Monday, May 12, 2025***. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.** Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on ***Friday, May 16, 2025*** at a time and place to be confirmed in writing to interested bidders.

Bidders must be prepared to submit relevant samples of goods offered **immediately** upon request.

The address referred to above is:

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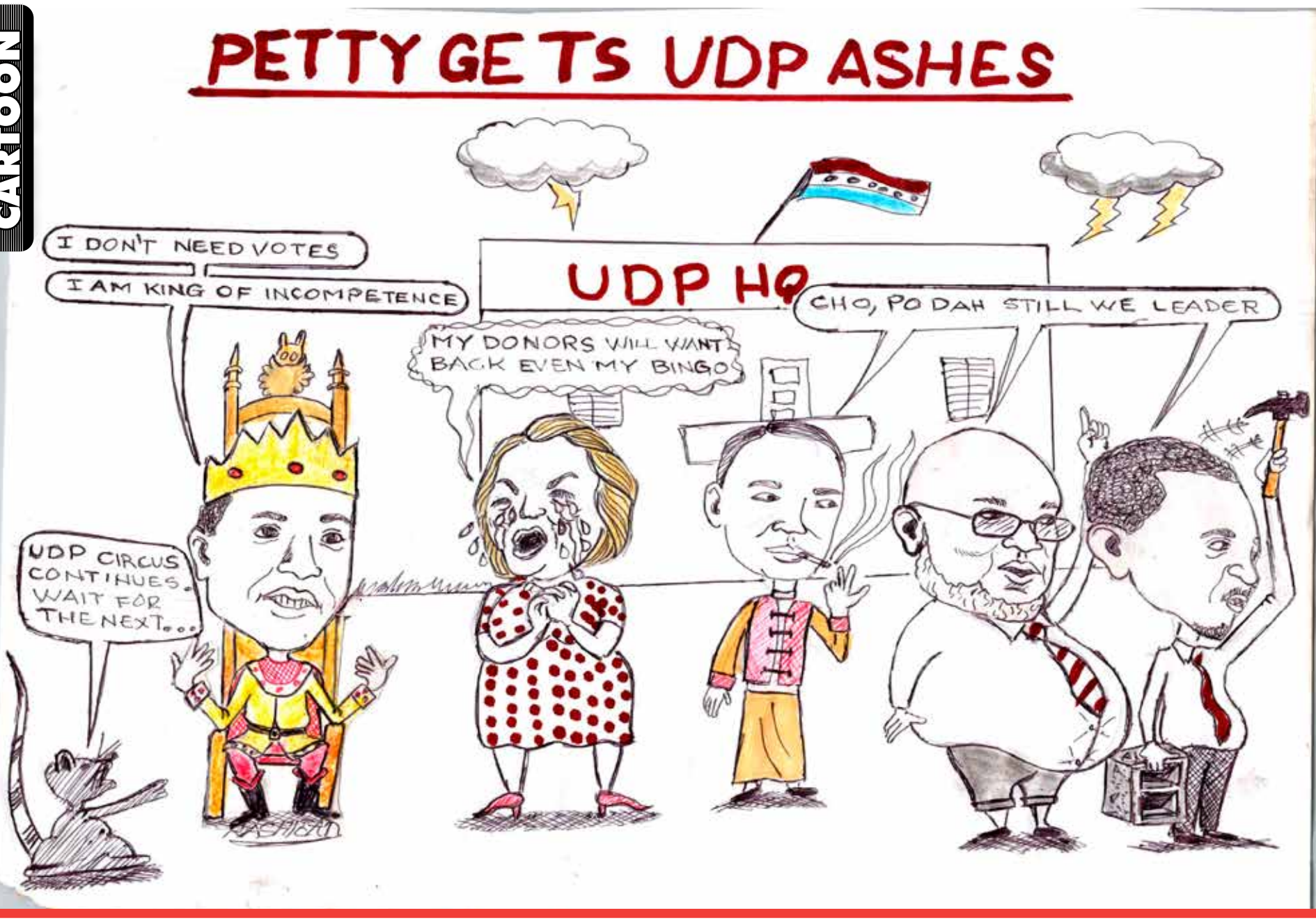
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UDP CIRCUS CONTINUES. WAIT FOR THE NEXT...

3rd GIRL IN ICT DAY

LeadLikeA501Girl

The #LeadLikeA501Girl annual event was successfully held in celebration of Girls in ICT Day, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Science and Technology Unit of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the Ministry of E-Governance.

Now in its third year, this initiative continues to empower young women and girls to explore careers in Information and Communications Technology (ICT)—promoting digital skills, raising awareness of opportunities in STEM, and advancing gender equity in the digital space.

Girls in ICT Day, a global UN observance, aims to spark interest in ICT and STEM careers among young women and girls—encouraging digital skills, promoting inclusion, and helping close the gender digital divide.

Huge congratulations to the dedicated team behind this event! Your commitment to creating meaningful, inclusive spaces for girls in tech is truly commendable.(post)

This is one more example of women moving ahead where they just a few years ago might not have been expected. The more our citizens excel the better for our population. There is no competition for who is better; there is a target to make Belize a better place for all of us to live…a better tomorrow some call it. Belize is on the Right Track.

TO THE MOST AMAZING WOMEN

HAPPY Mother's Day

PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRICEÑO AND THE PUP FAMILY

THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR CONSTANT SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND JOY

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GOB LAUNCHES STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AMBERGRIS CAYE

"new airport and transportation infrastructure, water and sanitation, electricity, health services, housing, and community development"

May 7, 2025 - The Government of Belize has officially launched the Strategic Plan for the Sustainable Development of Ambergris Caye, setting out a long-term vision to guide the island's sustainable growth, resilience, and overall quality of life. The event took place on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the Sunset Caribe Resort, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye.

The plan outlines a clear path toward the year 2045, envisioning Ambergris Caye as a sustainable territory, by building resilient, nature-sensitive infrastructure, and the generation of economic opportunities, and promoting cultural identity in a productive, inclusive, and equitable environment.

It includes strategic investments in key areas such as new airport and transportation infrastructure, water and sanitation, electricity, health services, housing, and community development, which will ensure that the island's rapid growth is effectively managed and benefits all residents.

The Strategic Plan was developed under the leadership of Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, who established a national task force in 2022 to oversee its formulation. The task force brought together representatives from the Government of Belize, the San Pedro Town Council, and the private sector. Technical support for the plan's development was provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

The plan is the result of a comprehensive multisectoral diagnosis, which analyzed natural risk vulnerabilities, urban growth trends, and the island's carrying capacity. The development process involved 15 participatory workshops and numerous meetings with stakeholders from public institutions, private sector entities, and civil society organizations.

The Hon. Christopher Coye, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, said, "Ambergris Caye holds significant value for our country and through this plan, we are committing to the strategic development of the island, with the well-being of residents and long-term national interest in mind. On behalf of the Prime Minister, I express our sincere gratitude to the IDB for its technical partnership and look forward to continued collaboration as we move into implementation."

Rocío Medina Bolívar, IDB Country Representative for Belize, said, "The IDB is pleased to support the Government of Belize in this important initiative. The Strategic Plan for Ambergris Caye sets a strong foundation for sustainable development, and we are committed to supporting its implementation, including investments in vulnerable communities such as San Mateo and the exploration of public-private partnerships for key infrastructure projects."

Implementation of the plan will require investments estimated at over US$300 million over the next 20 years. These investments present opportunities to leverage both public resources and private sector participation through innovative financing mechanisms.

THANK YOU!

A SAFER AND STRONGER REGION HELPS MAKE AMERICA SAFER AND STRONGER!

A C-17 Globemaster III, operated by the 445AW out of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio delivered school materials and medical gear – along with a new toy for the Belize National Fire Service in Punta Gorda. All equipment was graciously donated by the Racine Founder's Rotary Foundation and transported in partnership with the U.S Department of Defense DENTON program. (post)

The National Fire Service can in deed make use of the firetruck to keep our citizens as safe as possible. The Belizean population is thankful to receive this extremely useful vehicle. Belize children love to see these and they grow to realize that they are critical to a town or city. We must all take care of our assets. Receiving it as a gift makes it doubly important. It means that Belize has friends willing to look out for us. The school material and medical care is, of course, also important. All three will be placed to great use and cherished.

Thank you!

Inauguration ceremony

New Cristo Rey Roman Catholic Pre-&-Primary School

This important community investment is financed through a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank. The initiative is a testament to the Government of Belize's commitment to advancing equitable access to quality education in Belize's rural communities. Cristo Rey Village is now home to a brand-new Primary and Preschool.

The newly completed facility features eight standard classrooms, office and storage spaces, walkways, secure fencing, a single-story preschool building, and separate male and female restrooms for both students and staff. Valued at BZ$1,129,407, this project was made possible through a collaborative effort between the Government of Belize (GOB), the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

It marks another important step on the path to making quality education accessible in every corner of the nation. (release)

Cristo Rey Village Council: "Thanks to everyone involved from start to finish; from those that dreamt it to those that finished it!

The new school building is a beacon of progress, opportunity and investment into our children's future!

Today we celebrate you all; the teachers, the students and the parents!"

Hon. Kevin Bernard and the Ministry of Health & Wellness recognizes:
International Nurses Week
"Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies"
Government of BELIZE

First-ever National EdTech Summit

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology held the first-ever National EdTech Summit this past week.

This groundbreaking event brought together over 200 educators, administrators, and technology professionals to explore the intersection of education and emerging technologies. Among the featured participants was Stephanie Sylvestre, a trailblazer and the first Belizean-born woman to develop an AI model.

Via the 501academy platform, users will gain access to three specialised chatbot assistants: the 501 Historian, the 501 Teaching Assistant, and the Kriol 501 Teaching Assistant. These AI-powered tools are designed to support teachers by enabling the creation of customised lesson plans, providing accurate historical data, and offering assistance in Kriol with the use of the official Kriol dictionary—promoting inclusivity and cultural relevance in education.

The EdTech Summit serves as a launching pad for discussions on how advanced technologies like AI can be meaningfully integrated into Belizean classrooms.

The goal is to enhance the teaching and learning experience, promote digital literacy, and equip students and educators with the tools necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving digital world. (post)

This summit goes hand in hand with the #Lead like a 501 Girl. PlanBelize is holistic and upgrading the capacity of those that impart knowledge to our future leaders is of urgency.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: **Consultancy for the Development of a 10-year National Environmental Policy and Strategy 2025 - 2035, its corresponding Mid-Term National Environmental Action Plan 2025 -2030 and Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment under the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable **Consulting Firms** to submit proposals for the Development of a 10-year National Environmental Policy and Strategy 2025-2035, its corresponding Mid-Term National Environmental Action Plan 2025-2030 and Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

The General Objective of this Consultancy is:

To contract the services of a Consulting Firm to update the current:

1.1. National Environmental Policy and Strategy 2014-2024, for a ten-year period from 2025 to 2035;
1.2. Update the National Environmental Action Plan 2022-2026, for a five-year period 2025 to 2030;
1.3. And for the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

Qualifications Required:

Team Lead:
i. Minimum of Master's Degree in Project Management, Environmental Studies, Natural Resources Management, Coastal and Marine Management and other related science field.

Terrestrial Management Expert:
i. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies, Natural Resources Management and other related science field.

Coastal and Marine Management Expert:
i. Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Coastal and Marine Management, Environmental studies, Natural Resources Management and other related science field.

For full Terms of Reference which lists further required Qualifications, Scope of Work, Required Methodology & Workplan, Deliverables, Payments & Timeline, and **Submission Procedures**, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with a copy to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: May 29th, 2025, no later than 10:00 a.m.

INVITATION TO BID

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: **THE SUPPLY OF TWO (2) WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit quotations for the **supply of two (2) water quality monitoring stations** equipped with various sensors that will measure key water quality parameters. These stations must provide real-time data from remote locations, ensuring continuous and accurate monitoring of water bodies. These stations must meet the specified technical requirements listed in the bidding document provided upon request.

The supplier shall provide and commission the following:

I. Supply two (2) complete water quality monitoring stations.
II. Each station must meet the specifications outlined in the RFQ, including all required sensors and associated equipment.
III. Provide repair services during the warranty period, as specified.

For full bidding document which lists the required technical specification of each water quality monitoring station, its required features, company requirements for eligibility and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: May 29th, 2025, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time.

YES - Youth Empowered by Sports New Peace Corps Trainees Join the Cause

BELMOPAN, BELIZE May 6, 2025 – Twenty-three Peace Corps trainees arrived in Belize this morning to begin 27 months of service, joining national efforts to empower Belizean youth through the Youth Empowered by Sports (YES) Project. Their arrival strengthens the ongoing impact of two current YES cohorts already serving communities across the country.

Peace Corps Belize, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations, works alongside local counterparts to implement the YES Project. This initiative aims to support Belizean youth in leading healthy, empowered lives and realizing their full potential.

Over the next eleven weeks, the trainees will participate in an intensive Pre-Service Training program. This includes sessions on the Peace Corps' development approach, the objectives and methods of the YES Project, technical training, health and safety, and language and cultural immersion in Kriol or Spanish and Belizean society. These experiences will equip them to serve effectively as Peace Corps Volunteers.

The trainees are scheduled to be officially sworn in as Peace Corps Volunteers on Friday, July 18, 2025. This incoming group will join the currently serving YES Youth Development Volunteers and Response Volunteers who serve in Belize. Together, the four volunteer cohorts are working across two key sectors: Youth Development and Education.

Since 1961, more than 240,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have lived and worked alongside community members in 144 countries at the invitation of host country governments. Today, the Peace Corps maintains country agreements with 64 countries. The Peace Corps extends its gratitude to the people and Government of Belize for their collaboration and the opportunity it offers these Volunteers to assist in the pursuit of the nation's development. (release)

International Day Of Families
May 15, 2025
The video submission should be no longer than two minutes and must include the following elements:
• Family Unity – Emphasize the importance of maintaining strong family bonds.
• Good Practices – Showcase how your family contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through everyday practices.
• Family Dynamics & Structure – Include real-life clips reflecting your family's interactions and roles.
• Future Plans – Highlight your family's key initiatives or goals for supporting the SDGs.
• Creativity – Use innovative and engaging approaches to make your video stand out.
NCFC

Submissions:

All submissions should be sent to: https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSf-4rUv8h3b.../viewform...

No later than Monday, May 12th, 2025.

The Winner/s will be announced on May 15th, International Day of Families.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that **Lesly D. Perez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Fonda de Nilo"** located on Otro Benque Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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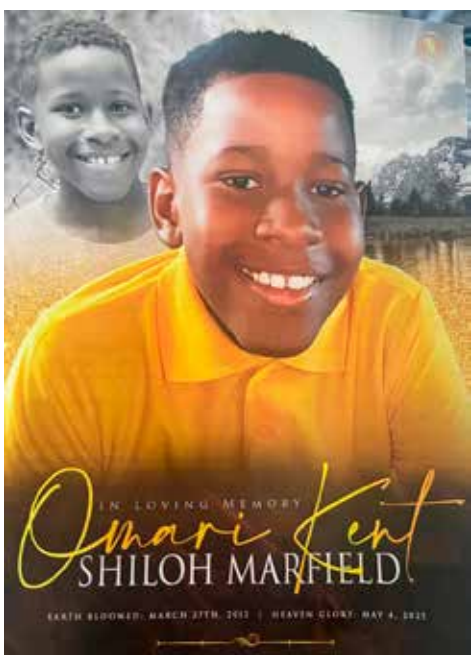
Hon. Henry Charles Usher: "Congratulations to Sensei Steve Mosiah for the opening of the Shotokan Academy dojo, on Barrack Road in Fort George!

This karate dojo is a welcomed addition to our Fort George community as karate is rooted in discipline, respect, and perseverance.

We thank Sensei Steve for providing this outlet to enhance the character development of our Fort George youth."

PlanBelize 2.0 is about this. How can we reach all of Belize using as many ways as possible to touch the lives of all Belizeans? We call it todos ganamos. Belize's children have been at the forefront in this sport regionally and its spread throughout Belize is welcome. Our population needs more of healthy ways to entertain and to develop positively. This definitely helps foster a landscape of being more educated, more productive, and for the promotion of less crime. Hon. Usher is supportive of all this and of more positivity in his constituency and in the rest of Belize.



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VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

SCHEDULE

ALL Nominations Open at 9:00 a.m. and close at midday

COROZAL on May 25

Nominations on Sunday May 18 at St. Francis Xavier R.C School

VILLAGES ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.	ELECTION VENUES CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m. * 3:00 p.m. | ** 5:00 p.m.
Concepcion **	R.C. School
San Joaquin**	R.C. School
Ranchito **	Gov't School
Calcutta **	Comm. Center
Carolina	Carolina Basketball Court (Tent)
Caledonia **	R.C. School
Libertad **	Methodist School
San Roman **	Comm. Center
Louisville **	R.C. School

ORANGE WALK on May 25

NONE

BELIZE on May 25

Nominations on Sunday May 18 at Edward P. York High School

Double Head Cabbage	Belize Rural High School
Isabella Bank	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
Lemonal	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
Boston	Boston Shed
Maypen	7th Day Adventist Compound (Tent)
Sandhill **	Guadalupe R.C. School

CAYO on May 25

Nominations on Sunday May 18 at Belmopan Comprehensive School

Valley of Peace **	St. Oscar Romero R.C. School
Unitedville *	St. Vincent Pallotti R.C. School
Blackman Eddy *	St. Martin de Porres R.C. School

Nominations on Sunday May 18 at Mt. Carmel RC Primary School

Arenal *	La Inmaculada R.C. School

STANN CREEK on May 25

Nominations on Sunday May 18 at Stann Creek Ecumenical School

Sittee River	Methodist School
Hopkins **	Holy Family R.C .School
Silk Grass **	Methodist School
Pomona **	St. Matthew's Anglican School
Sarawee *	Comm. Center
Hope Creek **	Methodist School
Mullins River	Comm. Center
Alta Vista	Comm. Center
Hummingbird Community	Comm. Center
Middlesex	St. Augustine R.C. School
Steadfast	Comm. Center
Valley Community	Comm. Center

TOLEDO on May 25

Nominations on Sunday May 18 at Toledo Community College

Boom Creek	Living Word Gov't School
Barranco	St. Joseph R.C. School
Conejo Creek	St. John the Baptist R.C. School
Crique Sarco	Sacred Heart R.C. School
Midway	Gov't School
Sunday Wood	R.C. School

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

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COROZAL on June 1

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at St. Francis Xavier R.C School

VILLAGES ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.	ELECTION VENUES CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m. * 3:00 p.m. | ** 5:00 p.m.
Santa Clara **	R.C. School
Paraiso **	Gov't School
Consejo	Consejo Library
San Andres **	Mary Hill R.C. School
San Antonio	Gov't School

ORANGE WALK on June 1

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at Louisiana Government School

San Antonio *	R.C. School
Santa Cruz	Gov't School
San Roman *	R.C. School
Nuevo San Juan	R.C. School
Trial Farm **	Gov't School
San Estevan **	R.C. School

BELIZE on June 1

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at Edward P. York High School

La Democracia	Comm. Center
Gracie Rock	Comm. Center
Biscayne *	Gov't School
Gardenia	Comm. Center
Crooked Tree*	Gov't School

CAYO on June 1

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Armenia**	Gov't School
St. Margaret *	St. Margaret Mary R.C. School

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at Sacred Heart Primary RC School

Duck Run I *	New Life Gov't School
Duck Run II	St. Joseph R.C. School
Billy White *	Seventh Day Adventist School

Nominations on Sunday May 25 Santa Elena Primary RC School

Santa Teresita	Comm. Center

Nominations on Sunday May 25 Mount Carmel RC Primary School

Calla Creek	*Holy Cross RC School

STANN CREEK on June 1

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at Stann Creek Ecumenical High School

San Juan /Cowpen	*San Juan Bosco RC School
Maya Mopan	*Primary School
Red Bank	**Christian School
San Román	**United Comm. Primary School
Placencia	**St. John's Memorial School
Independence	**Primary School
Santa Cruz	**Gov't School
Santa Rosa	*United Comm. Primary School
Seine Bight	*St. Alphonsus RC School
Maya Center	*St. Jude RC School
Georgetown	Richard Quinn R.C. School

TOLEDO on June 1

Nominations on Sunday May 25 at Toledo Community College

Corazon Creek	Corazon Creek Tech. High School
Dolores	Our Lady of Sorrow R.C. School
Otoxha	St. Mark R.C. School
San Lucas	R.C. School
Monkey River	Comm. Center
Punta Negra	St. Cuthbert Gov't School

PlanBelize 2.0

PM Briceño supporting BCC & development of the city

Floating Boardwalk Project Feasibility Study

*LeadLikea501Girl
Min. Requena & MoS Cervantes, MoEST

ICT Day hosted in Spanish Lookout

National Ed Tech Summit

GOB in San Pedro

Launch Strategic Plan for Ambergris Caye…$300 Million forecast

Autism Awareness

Belize City Council

Hon. Osmond Martinez and PG Town

Belmopan City Council

Min. Henry Usher(Fort George) – PS, G, & DRM

Meeting w/ the Ministry's Management Team

Opening of the Shotokan Academy dojo

Hon. Anthony Mahler, Pickstock

Bringing up the kids with a Mundialito at Berger Field

Hons. Monchi and Kevin supporting Village Council slates

Hon. Osmond Martinez supporting Chocolate Festival

Hon. Marconi Leal, Jr., BRN and Foreign Trade MoS

Range of work all over constituency with MIDH

CARICOM Expo celebrating 51

In Crooked Tree savouring the Cashews bf the Fest

Hon. Louis Zabaneh and Min. Mahler-BTB

Work on Multipurpose Park in Dangriga ongoing

right on track

'Vamos Bien In 2025'

vamos bien

PEN-FRIENDS WANTED:

Switzerland friend interested in Belize, looking for Belizean pen-friends. Please write in English or German to the following address:

Vitus Castelberg
Aspermonststr 19
CH-7000 CHUR
Switzerland (Europe)

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Corozal Town, Corozal District; Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District; San Pedro Town, Belize District; Cristo Rey Village; Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:
1. Parcel No. 3015 Corozal North, Corozal District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	3015
The freehold property of Mr. George Levy and Lilia Chun.		

B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:
2. Parcel No.1639 Trail Farm Village, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	1639
The freehold property of Ms. Dayana de Paz Mr. Luisito Cunil.		

C: BELIZE DISTRICT:
3. Parcel No. 5448 San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	5448
The freehold property of Ms. Helen Maritza Melendez and Elvis Presley Lambey		

D:CAYO DISTRICT
4. Parcel No. 51 Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District:

All that lot piece or parcel of land being Block No. 51, situate near Cristo Rey Village Area, Cayo District, containing 30.00 acres of land freehold property of Mr. Jaime Noel Marin and Mr. Nefretery Nancy Marin.

"FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE"

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NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of Natural Elements Limited (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted a new application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

Any person who objects to the making of an Order is hereby invited to,
a. submit notice in writing of his/her objections
b. state the grounds on which he/she relies in support thereof,

to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before May 15th, 2025, to executive.director@beltraide.bz or call at 880-3737.

1. The Company is located at Mile 17.5 Placencia Road, Maya Beach, Stann Creek District that is constructing twenty-four (24) condo-hotel units. If the application is approved the company shall be an enterprise under the Fiscal Incentives Act.

2. The application is in relation to:
   - Building Materials & Supplies
   - Fixtures & Fittings
   - Plant, Machinery & Equipment
   - Office Equipment & Appliances
   - Marine Craft
   - Utility and Transport Vehicles
   - exemption from duties.

APPROVAL BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

DATE: April 25, 2025

COMMENTS: Approved

BY ORDER OF CHARGEE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED a statutory body formed and registered under the Credit Union Act, Chapter 314 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and whose registered office is situated at No. 1 Hyde's Lane, Belize City, Belize District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Chargee under and by virtue of a Charge registered at the Land Registry between **CARLOS YSAGUIRRE** of the one part and HRCU of the other part.

HRCU will at the expiration of three months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property described in the Schedule below.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to Holy Redeemer Credit Union Limited from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising 639.75 S.Y. being Parcel 1548, Block 16 in the Caribbean Shores/Belize Registration Section located at No. 1548 Grace Avenue, Coral Grove, Belize City, Belize District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **CARLOS YSAGUIRRE**

DATED this 23rd April 2025

HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED
1 HYDE'S LANE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE
Phone: (501) 280-5644
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/hrcuforeclosure/

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

BELIZE CITY FLOATING BOARDWALK PROJECT

"Innovation floats where vision is shared"

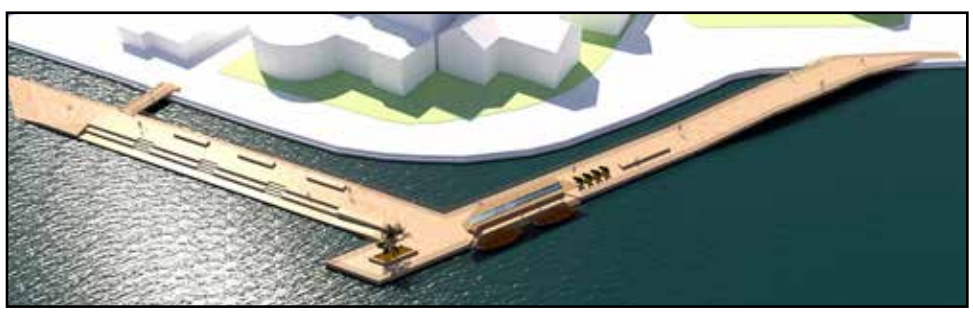
By Hilly Bennett

On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, the Belize City Council (BCC) held its Introductory Meeting for the Belize City Floating Boardwalk Project Feasibility Study funded by a Dutch Government grant of just under €60,000. Mayor Bernard Wagner spearheaded the meeting, which was joined by Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, Councilors and members of the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) for Climate & Energy, Mrs Mercedes Garcia Ibarrola and Mr. Alejandro Jimenez Hernandez, and blue21, Mr Rutger de Graf and Mr Rui Gomes. During the meeting Ms Carla Patnett, City Planner, BCC presented Belize City's Vision and Project Considerations. At the same time, Mr Rutger de Graph and Mr Rui Gomes unveiled the Concept Design & Feasibility Study Roadmap for the Floating Boardwalk. The GCoM representatives Mrs Ibarrola and Mr Hernandez detailed Opportunities for Funding.

Subsequently, Prime Minister, John Briceno and CEO Narda Garcia hosted Mayor Wagner and the team to discuss the project that Wagner said has the potential to be a truly transformational project for Belize City. In attendance were CEO Solano and Director Evan Tillett representing the tourism sector. Incidentally, Mayor Wagner in his opening address stated that the Tuesday sessions were part of a broader technical mission aimed at assessing the feasibility of the Belize Floating Boardwalk Project envisioned for the Southern Foreshore area. It included multiple site visits, stakeholders meetings, meetings with the 5cs and various local and international financial institutions.

In an interview on August 30th 2024, with Love FM Mayor Wagner suggested that the idea of a floating boardwalk was conceptualized at a meeting in Panama hosted by the Covenant of Mayors. According to a BCC post, the feasibility study is expected to be completed by January 2026 and will serve as a critical first step in assessing the viability of a sustainable multifunctional boardwalk that could enhance connectivity, tourism, recreation, and climate resilience in Belize City. This project also adds to the Mayor's repertoire and visionary direction for Belize City's development, which an article dated November 26, 2024, in the Business View Caribbean articulated Mayor Wagner as guiding the evolution of the city that stands at the crossroads of tradition and modernity. Mayor Bernard Wagner has been at the forefront of the "Old Capital" sustainable development. From the urban development of the Holy Emmanuel (Gungulung) area to the ambitious e-mobility project reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions by replacing old polluting buses with eco-friendly electric buses to the coastal transformation of the Southern Foreshore.

The boardwalk will serve as a barrier for coastal erosion. However, Mayor Wagner revealed that "We want to establish a vibrant area that supports small businesses while protecting our coastline." The experts from blue21 explained that the boardwalk is a nature-based solution chosen for its minimal environmental impact. Mayor Wagner emphasized, "Unlike traditional methods that disrupt the environment, this technology allows us to protect our coast without driving piles into the seabed." Importantly it is aligned with the Belize City Council and Mayor Wagner's commitment to an environmental strategy that is focused on sustainable, community-centered development. This is characteristic of the BCC's motto-Always 'Bout the People.



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1. The Company is located at Carmelita Village, Orange Walk to produce flour, flour-based instant noodles, salted and sweet biscuits, bread and cooking oil for consumption in the Belizean market and intends to expand their operations. If the application is approved the company shall be an enterprise under the Fiscal Incentives Act.

2. The application is in relation to:

- ï Building Materials & Supplies
- ï Fixtures & Fittings
- ï Plant, Machinery & Equipment
- ï Office Equipment & Appliances
- ï Raw and Packaging Materials
- ï Utility and Transport Vehicles
- ï exemption from duties.

Approved by Executive Director:
Date: April 29, 2025
Comments: Approved

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PHARAMACEUTICALS AND RELATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES 2025-2027

The Ministry of Health & Wellness hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for ***Supply and Delivery of Pharmaceuticals and Related Medical Supplies*** for the period **June 2025 to March 2027**.

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Secretary in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the address below for the ***complete set of bidding documents***. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the ***Instruction to Bidders***. A **fee of $200.00** made payable to the ***Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24*** is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The **receipt must be presented** to the secretary at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Secretary at the address provided below during normal working hours ***commencing on Monday, May 5, 2025 and concluding on Monday, May 12, 2025***. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.** Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

A pre-tender meeting will be held on ***Friday, May 16, 2025*** at a time and place to be confirmed in writing to interested bidders.

Bidders must be prepared to submit relevant samples of goods offered **immediately** upon request.

The address referred to above is:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health and Wellness
2nd Floor, East Block Building
City of Belmopan
Belize, C.A. Tel: 501-880-2363
Email: ceosecretary@health.gov.bz

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Field Technician
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF- 474190 -CS-IN-DV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **FULLTIME FIELD TECHNICIAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND ENTERPRISE (MAFSE).** The Field Technician will support the MAFSE technical officers in building the capacity of farmers in the area of water management and climate change.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Field Technician for the MAFSE.**

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing June 2025. The Field Technician will be supervised by the Director of Water Management and Climate Change in the MAFSE.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications
• High School Diploma in academic courses or any other field related to the assignment (20 points).

General Experience
• Experience working in the agriculture sector (20 points).

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience
• Experience or knowledge in agriculture field work (15 points)
• Experience in organizing or coordinating training events with farmers (15 points)
• Experience or knowledge about crop and livestock production (10 points)
• General knowledge about climate change and impacts of climate change in agriculture (10 points)
• Oral and writing command of the English language; knowledge of Spanish would be an asset (10 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **May 23, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Water Resource Technician
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF- 480755-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable qualified **FULLTIME WATER RESOURCE TECHNICIAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND ENTERPRISE (MAFSE).** The Water Resource Technician will support the MAFSE technical officers in building the capacity of farmers in the area of water management and climate change.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Water Resource Technician for the MAFSE.**

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing June 2025. The Water Resource Technician will be supervised by the Director of Water Management and Climate Change in the MAFSE.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications
•Associate degree in agriculture, applied sciences, or other fields related to the assignment. (Max 10 points)

General Experience
• At least two years working experience in the public or private sector in the area of water resource management. (Max 20 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience
• At least two (2) years working experience using various irrigation technologies (Max 20 pts)
• At least two (2) years' experience with providing training in water resource management using various irrigation technologies. (Max 20 pts)
• At least one (1) year experience assisting with the formulation of developmental goals related to water management and climate change. (Max 15 pts)
• At least one (1) year working experience with organizing adaptive research in irrigation or drainage management. (Max 15 pts)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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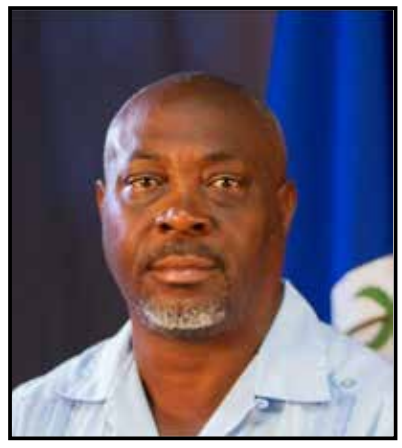
Belize City Council - Port Loyola Area Rep. Collaboration

Addressing severe flooding in a Section of the Division



On May 6th Mayor Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, and City Administrator Albert Vaughan of Belize City accepted an invitation from Port Loyola Area Representative Hon. Gilroy Usher to visit a section of Arlington Dr. Ext. that experience severe flooding yearly. The purpose of the visit is to identify steps that will be taken with the support of all the stakeholders to alleviate the terrible hardship of over 50 families for months when the low area is inundated with contaminated water.

In the absence of proper drainage for excess water to flow from the community to the dike or sea nearby, the homes and yards of dozens of families with children are covered with over a foot of contaminated water for more than two months in the rainy reason which is fast approaching again.

As a result of the prolong flooding in the rainy season, a number of children are unable to attend school, parents miss work, businesses suffer due to the inability of customers to reach their locations, and families incur unnecessary expenses. Those expenses arise when family members become ill, because of the unhealthy environment and there is a need for housing repairs as the presence of flood for extended period of time cause parts of wooden structures that are submerged to rot. (post)

LETTER TO THE Editor

Confused, Confused! Who is the UDP Leader?

Dear Editor,

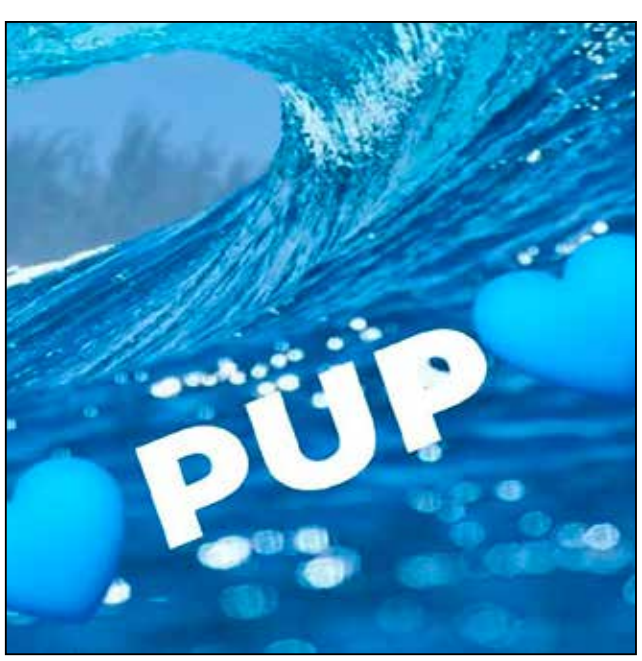
The recent courtroom ruling and on-air clash between Shyne Barrow and Alfonso Noble during "Fus Ting da Mawnin" was nothing short of chaotic. The United Democratic Party (UDP) appears more confused than ever, exposing deep internal fractures and a blatant disregard for unity and leadership.

The court's decision, which ruled that Ms. Panton's expulsion violated her right to natural justice, is a stark reminder that even political parties must follow their own rules. Yet, instead of a mature response, we witnessed a live meltdown, with Barrow accusing Noble and the "old guard" of entitlement, while Noble pushed back, saying, "This party is not a dictatorship."

When Hugo Patt had to intervene mid-show just to stop the bleeding, it is clear the UDP is in disarray. Seven weeks after their electoral defeat, the public deserves clarity, not confusion. Who really leads the UDP? Is it Shyne? Is it Tracy and her faction? Or is the party simply adrift?

This is not just political drama—it is a sign of instability in what should be the country's main opposition. Belizeans are watching. It is time for the UDP to get its house in order.

Sincerely,
S Sampson



IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

PUBLIC DEBT EXPERT

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Process ID:	BL-L1038 – P00009
Duration:	Six (6) Months
Duty Station:	Remote
Deadline:	**May 27, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – The Strengthening Public Expenditure Management Program – SPEM (5353/OC-BL-L1038). The general objective is to promote the fiscal sustainability of Belize. The specific objective is to increase the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The program is comprised of a single component with four subcomponents. The consultancy is aligned to subcomponent one (1), Financial Management which aims to improve the efficiency of key expenditure functions

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the consultancy position of **"Public Debt Expert"**.

Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating "**Public Debt Expert (BL-L1038)"**- name of consultant.

The deadline for submission is no later than **May 27, 2025, by 10:00 a.m**. **(Local Belize Time).** No late submissions will be accepted.

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Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
Email: tjoseph@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Public Debt Expert (BL-L1038)** - Your name

Inaugural Belize-CARICOM Expo

Commemorating Belize's 51st Anniversary as CARICOM Member

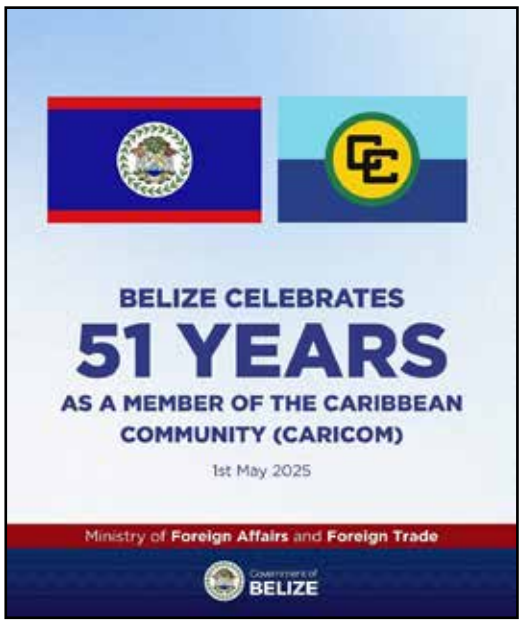
May 6 - The Hon. Marconi Leal was the Keynote Speaker where the Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, hosted its inaugural Belize-CARICOM Expo to commemorate the nation's 51st Anniversary as a member of the Caribbean Community.

Government and CARICOM-affiliated agencies are displaying information booths and telling visitors how the regional organization has assisted—and continues to help—Belize in its national development over the last five decades, a relationship predating its independence.

One of the booths was the BMDC: The Belize Marketing and Development Corporation (BMDC) is proud to participate in Belize's First CARICOM Expo, held at the St. John's Auditorium in Belize City. The event is hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade, in commemoration of Belize's 51st anniversary of membership in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

We are excited to showcase our proudly Belizean products: Belize Jewels Honey, Belize Jewels Fruit Pulp, Big Falls Rice.

This expo is an opportunity to highlight how BMDC can support Belize's contribution to regional food security, trade, and development across the CARICOM Single Market.



WORLD BANK GROUP

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST (2 POSITIONS)
SOCIAL SPECIALIST (1 POSITION)
AND
PROJECT MANAGER (1 POSITION)

Institution:	Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project (BRRES) **AND** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond (BBCB)
Duration:	Two (2) years
Duty Station:	Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline:	**May 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the implementation of the projects-Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System and Belize Blue Cities and Beyond.

The general objectives of the positions are to conduct all activities related to project management and environmental and social sustainability in accordance with the World Bank's funding guidelines, Environmental and Social Framework and GOB standard public rules and regulations.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individuals to apply for the positions of:

- Environmental Specialist (2 positions)
- Social Specialist (1 position)
- Project Manager (1 position)

Further details, including the required application template and full terms of reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The selection for these contractual positions will be in accordance with the Individual Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified Individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the position being applied for "**Environmental Specialist, Social Specialist or Project Manager"**- name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than May 16, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. Local Belize Time. No late submissions will be accepted.

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Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref:
Environmental Specialist- Your name
Social Specialist- Your name
Project Manager- Your name

Ministry of Transportation Hosts Meeting with Bus Operators to Advance Public Transportation Reform

May 5, 2025 - The Ministry of Transportation hosted a stakeholder engagement on May 2, 2025, bringing together over eighty representatives from the public ground transportation sector. The meeting reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to protecting the interests of bus operators and commuters, while advancing a shared national vision for a safer, more reliable and efficient public transportation system.

The event featured presentations and contributions from several key leaders, including Dr. Hon. Louis Zabaneh, Minister of Transportation; Mr. Chester Williams, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Transportation; Mr. Leon Gentle, Chief Transport Officer; Ms. Anna Loague, Director of Policy, Planning & Research; Mr. Peter M. Williams, Deputy Chief Transport Officer; Mr. Andy Shaw, President of the Belize Bus Owners Association; and Mr. Joel Cervantes, Chairperson of the Transport Board. Their collective remarks underscored the importance of ongoing collaboration and policy reform to modernize the sector and elevate the quality of service, with a special focus on commuters' needs.

In his keynote address, Minister Zabaneh emphasized that Belize's transportation system must be "an engine of national development—one that is fair, accessible, and grounded in mutual respect." He reaffirmed the Ministry's unwavering support for operators, recognizing their critical role in the nation's economy and daily functioning. The Minister also presented a proposal for the consolidation of the national highway bus industry through a Public-Private Partnership model. Under this model, current operators could remain as shareholders along with the Government of Belize, facilitating economies of scale, reduced operating costs, improved reliability, and higher quality equipment and service, including terminal upgrades countrywide. The proposal was met with positive feedback from stakeholders. Further consultations will be pursued to refine the proposal.

The Ministry of Transportation extends gratitude to all the operators who participated in this important dialogue. Their dedication, insight, and willingness to engage are vital to the progress envisioned. The Ministry looks forward to continued partnership as efforts continue to build a transportation system that reflects the strength, civility, and resilience of the Belizean people. (release)

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CABEI
Central American Bank for Economic Integration

Invitation to Bid

Construction and Equipment of Santa Elena Police Station and Kitchen
N. º CABEI-WKS-007-2147/2025
One Stage-One Envelope

Date: May 9, 2025

1. **SOURCE OF RESOURCES**

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total financing for the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of Santa Elena Police Station and Kitchen, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

2. **EXECUTING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING PARTY OF THE BIDDING PROCESS**

1.1 The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) is the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party, intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this Invitation to Bid is being issued.

1.2 The Belize Integral Security Project, is responsible for the present Procurement process for which invites eligible construction companies to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

1.3 The Contractor will be selected through international competition in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, which can be found on the following web site: https://www.bcie.org.

2. **PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

1.1 General Objectives of the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of Santa Elena Police Station and Kitchen in the Cayo District.

1.2 The Contracting Party makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

a. Bidding package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: santaelenapd_wks007.bisp@met.gov.bz and copy: projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz

1.3 Bids must be submitted to the address indicated below no later than June 30, 2025, no later than *2:00 p.m.* (Belize local time)

Electronic submission of bids **will not be** permitted. No late bids will be accepted.

Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder and any person who decides to attend, at the address listed below on June 30, 2025, at 2:15 p.m.

1.4 All Bids must be accompanied by a ***"Bid Maintenance Declaration".***

The address (addresses) mentioned above is (are): Elvis Requena.

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Programme Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive 2 nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Officially Underway

17th annual Hon. Anthony Mahler Mundialito Tournament

May 3 - With cheers echoing across Berger Field, the 17th Annual Anthony Mahler Mundialito Tournament officially kicked off on Saturday, ushering in twelve weeks of spirited youth football and community celebration. The tournament, hosted by the Belize Tourism Board, has grown remarkably over the years and now includes 22 teams competing across three age categories: Under-10, Under-13, and Under-15.

The opening ceremony was attended by several key figures in Belize's sporting and tourism sectors, including the Interim President of the National Sports Council, the President of the Football Federation of Belize, and Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports & Diaspora Relations, Hon. Anthony Mahler—whose vision gave birth to the tournament nearly two decades ago.

"When we started this over 17 years ago, this is exactly what we wanted to create: an incubator for our children to play sports, to learn lessons about life, to be friends, to know each other from all parts of this district. And that's how you build a nation," said Minister Mahler in his remarks.

Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., families and football fans are invited to Berger Field to support the next generation of Belizean athletes. The tournament emphasizes not only athletic excellence but also youth development, unity, and positive engagement.

Highlighting the tournament's long-term impact, Minister Mahler congratulated former Mundialito player Jovaunn Ramos, who now plays on the Belize National Football Team and recently graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Bethel University in Indiana. "Football took him there," Mahler proudly noted, celebrating Ramos's dual success as an athlete and scholar.

The Anthony Mahler Mundialito continues to stand as a beacon of community-driven youth empowerment. With strong institutional support, it reflects the government's broader agenda of fostering youth development through sports, education, and opportunity.

As young players take to the field over the coming weeks, the tournament offers more than competition—it builds friendships, teaches discipline, and nurtures future leaders on and off the pitch. Belizeans are encouraged to show their support, celebrate the talents of these young athletes, and help grow a legacy that started with a simple dream: using football to unite and uplift a nation.

IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SDP) COORDINATOR (2 Positions)
AND
INVESTMENT PROMOTION ASSOCIATE

Institution:	Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance
Country:	Belize
Project:	Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize (TIFP)
Duration:	Two (2) years
Duty Station:	Beltraide, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline:	**May 19, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the following contractual positions at Beltraide.

- Supplier Development Program (SDP) Coordinator (2 Positions)
- Investment Promotion Associate

Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **"Supplier Development Program (SDP) Coordinator"** or **"Investment Promotion Associate"** - name of consultant.

The deadline for submission is no later than **May 19, 2025, by 10:00 a.m**. **(Local Belize Time).** No late submissions will be accepted.

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Email: tjoseph@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Supplier Development Program (SDP) Coordinator (BL-L1040) -** Your name

Ref: **Investment Promotion Associate (BL-L1040) -** Your name

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Old Land's Building
Market Square
City of Belmopan
7th May 2025

DISSOLUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Section 10 (1) of the Village Councils Act Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, provides that the Elections and Boundaries Commission shall, at least seven days before any general election of members of the council becomes due under the provisions of this Act or any regulations made there under, dissolve that council, by Order published in the Gazette and on the radio;

AND WHEREAS, the general election of members of those Village Councils set out in the Schedule hereto becomes due on the **8th** and **15th June 2025.**

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the aforesaid Section 10 of the Village Councils Act, the Elections and Boundaries Commission hereby dissolves the Village Councils set out in the Schedules hereto **effective 31st May** and **7th June 2025** respectively.

As from the said 31st May and **7th June 2025 respectively**, the following provisions shall apply in accordance with Section 11 of the said Act: -

(a) subject to the following paragraphs of this section, the members of the council shall from the date of the dissolution vacate their offices;

(b) all the powers, duties and liabilities of the council shall, until the constitution of a new council, be exercised, performed and discharged by the persons who held the posts of chairperson, secretary and treasurer of the council immediately before the dissolution; and

(c) all property belonging to or vested in or in the occupation of the council shall, during the period aforesaid, vest in and be in the occupation, control and management of the persons indicated in paragraph (b) of this section.

DATED this 7th day of May 2025

SIGNED:
(OSCAR SABIDO PUGA)
CHAIRMAN
ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

SCHEDULE

VILLAGE COUNCILS DISSOLVED WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 31, 2025

COROZAL DISTRICT
1. Chan Chen
2. San Narciso
3. San Victor
4. Yo Chen
5. Chunox
6. Progresso
7. Copper Bank
8. Patchakan
9. Sarteneja
10. Xaibe

CAYO DISTRICT
1. Yalbac
2. La Gracia
3. Los Tambos
4. Cristo Rey

BELIZE DISTRICT
1. Gales Point
2. Freetown Sibun
3. Burrell Boom
4. St. Paul's Bank
5. Willow's Bank

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT
1. San Luis
2. Douglas
3. San Pablo
4. San Jose
5. San Jose Palmar
6. Chan Pine Ridge
7. Carmelita
8. Santa Martha
9. Tower Hill

TOLEDO DISTRICT
1. Cattle Landing
2. Eldridgeville
3. Forest Home
4. Santa Ana
5. Bladen (CC)
6. Bella Vista
7. Trio
8. San Pablo

VILLAGE COUNCILS DISSOLVED WITH EFFECT FROM JUNE 7, 2025

COROZAL DISTRICT
1. Cristo Rey
2. Buena Vista
3. San Pedro

BELIZE DISTRICT
1. Maskall
2. Bomba
3. Corozalito
4. St. Ann's
5. Mahogany Heights
6. St. George's Caye

CAYO DISTRICT
1. San Marcos
2. Selena
3. Teakettle
4. Ontario

TOLEDO DISTRICT
1. San Jose
2. Na Luum Ca
3. Jacintoville
4. Laguna
5. San Felipe
6. San Marcos
7. Yemeri Grove
8. San Pedro Columbia

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI-CEU-489204-GO-RFQ
Deadline: **May 19, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank (WB) for the implementation of the Project – Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant for the **Supply and Delivery of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description
1	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment	List of items in bidding documents with full details.

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RfB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **May 19, 2025, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time) or via email at tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz following the electronic submission guidelines in the bidding documents. Failure to comply with the guidelines will result in the rejection of the bid. Late bids will be rejected.**

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Automatic Pickup Trucks

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)
Process ID: BZ-CEU-458616-GO-RFB
Deadline: **May 14, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank (WB) for the implementation of the Project – Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant for the **Supply and Delivery Two (2) Automatic Pickup Trucks.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity
1	Automatic Pickup trucks	4 x 4 Crew Cab	2

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RfB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **May 14, 2025, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time) or via email at tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz following the electronic submission guidelines in the bidding documents. Failure to comply with the guidelines will result in the rejection of the bid. Late bids will be rejected.**

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WORLD BANK GROUP

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

CIVIL ENGINEER

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline: May 22, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the implementation of the project- Belize Blue Cities and Beyond.

The general objective of this position is to provide technical expertise in planning, designing, and supervising civil infrastructure works associated with the Blue Cities Project in accordance with the provisions of the project, the World Bank's rules and procedures, and GOB standard public rules and regulations.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Civil Engineer.

Further details, including the required application template and full terms of reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The selection for these contractual positions will be in accordance with the Individual Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified Individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the position being applied for "**Civil Engineer"**- name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than May 22, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. Local Belize Time. No late submissions will be accepted.

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Ref: **Civil Engineer- Your name**

BWS

Invitation for Bids

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Belize
Water Supply & Modernization Program
5754/OC-BL
Supply and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment for BWS Network
BL-L1043-P00001

1. The *Belize Water Services Limited has received financing* from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of *Water Supply & Modernization Program* and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for *Supply and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment for BWS Network.*
2. *Belize Water Services Limited* now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for *Purchase and Installation of Water Disinfection Equipment.*
3. The Request for Bids will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's Policies for the Procurement of Works and Goods financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Policies.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Water Services Limited, Ms. Stephanie Lozano, Procurement Specialist, rce@bwsl.com.bz;* and inspect the bidding document at the address given below from *8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Belize local time.*
5. Qualifications requirements include *Goods must meet technical specifications, financials, power of attorney and other requirements.* A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically *"shall not",* be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in *English* may be requested by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before *2:00 p.m. Belize local time on May 23rd, 2025.* Electronic bidding *will not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at *2:15 p.m. Belize local time on May 23rd, 2025*. All bids must be accompanied by a *"Bid Security"* of *10% of bid price per lot* or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
8. The address(es) referred to above is(are):
   Ms. Stephanie Lozano,
   Procurement Specialist,
   Belize Water Services Limited,
   7 Central American Boulevard,
   Belize City, Belize C.A.
   +501-222-4757

WORLD BANK GROUP

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Engineering Equipment and Office Furniture

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System (BRRES)
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI-CEU-489204-GO-RFQ
Deadline: **May 20, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank (WB) for the implementation of the Project – Belize Reliable and Resilient Energy System (BRRES) in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this grant for the **Supply and Delivery Engineering Equipment and Office Furniture.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, and Delivery for the following:

Lot No.	Item	Brief Description
1	Engineering Equipment	See detail listing in bidding documents.
2	Office Furniture	See detail listing in bidding documents.

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below.

The Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing Borrowers July 2016, revised date: February 2025 and as well as the Government of Belize procurement policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RfB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **May 20, 2025, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time) or via email at tjohnston@ceu.mof.gov.bz following the electronic submission guidelines in the bidding documents. Failure to comply with the guidelines will result in the rejection of the bid. Late bids will be rejected.**

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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission deadline: 16th May 2025

Notification of successful acceptance of Abstract: 9th June 2025

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Invitation to Bid

Construction and Equipment of a 911 Facility and Police Sub-Station
N.º CABEI-WKS-004-2147/2025
One Stage-One Envelope

Date: May 9, 2025

1. **SOURCE OF RESOURCES**

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total financing for the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of a 911 Facility and Police Sub-Station, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

2. **EXECUTING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING PARTY OF THE BIDDING PROCESS**

1.1 The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) is the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party, intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this Invitation to Bid is being issued.

1.2 The Belize Integral Security Project is responsible for the present Procurement process for which invites eligible construction companies to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

1.3 The Contractor will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, which can be found on the following web site: https://www.bcie.org.

2. **PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

1.1 General Objectives of the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of a 911 Facility and Police Sub-Station, Belize City, Belize District.

1.2 The Contracting Party makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

a. Bidding package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: 911facilitypd_wks004.bisp@met.gov.bz and copy: projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz

1.3 Bids must be submitted to the address indicated below no later than June 17, 2025, no later than *10:00 a.m.* (Belize local time)

Electronic submission of bids will not be permitted. No late bids will be accepted.

Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder and any person who decides to attend, at the address listed below on June 17, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

1.4 All Bids must be accompanied by a ***"Bid Maintenance Declaration ".***

The address (addresses) mentioned above is (are): Elvis Requena
Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Programme Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive 2 nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Invitation to Bid

Construction and Equipment of Camp Belizario Operations Headquarter, Hurricane Shelter Renovation and Renovation of Ablutions
N.º CABEI-WKS-006-2147/2025
One Stage-One Envelope

Date: May 9, 2025

1. **SOURCE OF RESOURCES**

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total financing for the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of Camp Belizario Operations Headquarter, Hurricane Shelter Renovation and Renovation of Ablutions, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

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2. **PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

1.1 General Objectives of the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of Camp Belizario Operations Headquarter, Hurricane Shelter Renovation and Renovation of Ablutions, Cayo District.

1.2 The Contracting Party makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

a. Bidding package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: campbelizariobdf_wks006.bisp@met.gov.bz and copy: projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz

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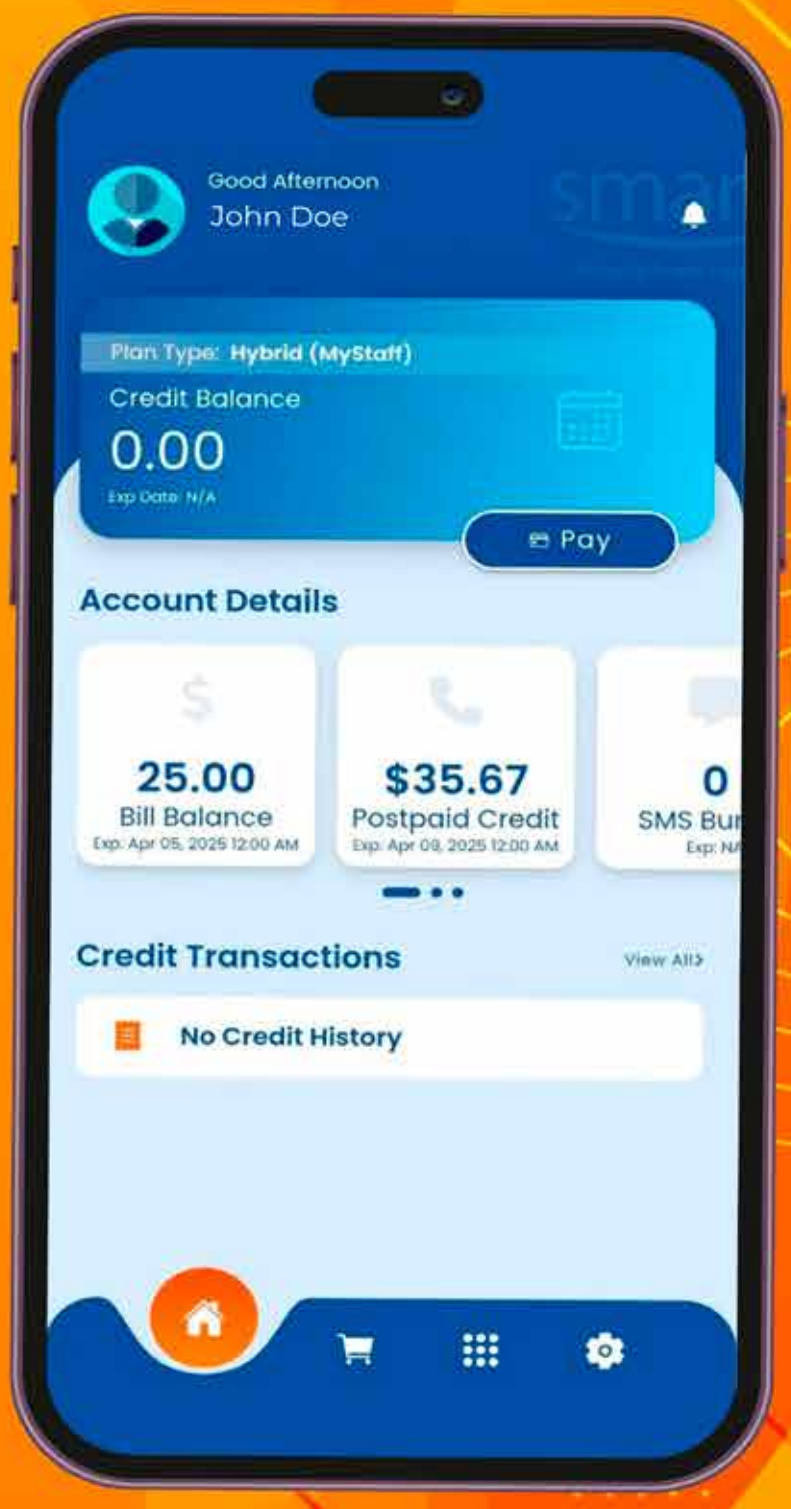

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